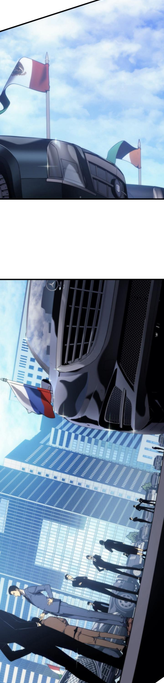
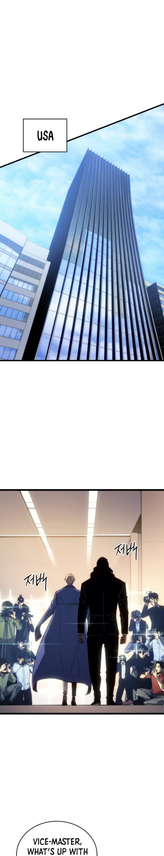
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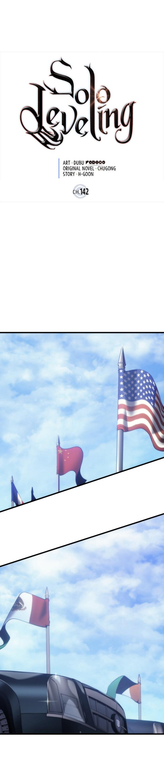
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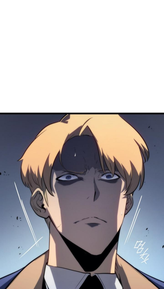






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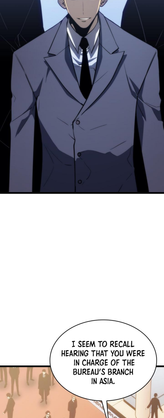



WITH THOSE NUMBERS, I'D BELIEVE IT IF I WERE TOLD THAT HE'S HERE TO WAGE WAR AGAINST THE LCC...


DO YOU SEE SOMEONE YOU KNOW, HYUNG-HWA?
NO. SOME FOREIGNER JUST KEEPS LOOKING AT ME.
WITH ALL THE AIR TIME YOU GOT ON THE NEWS, I'M SURE YOU HAVE QUITE A FEW FANS.
HE MUST HAVE WANTED AN AUTOGRAPH OR SOMETHING.


OH YEAH, SO WHY ARE YOU HERE, CHIEF JINCHE-OL WOO?


I'VE BEEN ASSIGNED THE TASK... OF PROTECTING HUNTER SUNG.
SIGH~

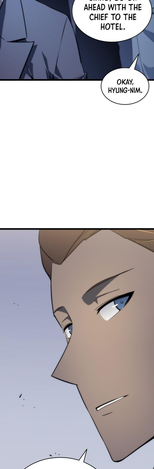

WHAT WAS THAT?
PROTECTING... HUNTER... SUNG...
PROTECTING WHO?

HM, IT SEEMS LIKE THEY'RE HERE TO GREET US.

WE'VE BEEN WAITING FOR YOU, HUNTER SUNG.

I SEEM TO RECALL HEARING THAT YOU WERE IN CHARGE OF THE BUREAU'S BRANCH IN ASIA.


HAHA, UNTIL RECENTLY, YES.
BUT NOW I AM ALSO IN CHARGE OF MATTERS REGARDING YOU, HUNTER SUNG.


WITH THE EXCEPTION OF HUNTER SUNG, YOU WILL ALL BE ESCORTED TO YOUR ROOMS.
JINHO, GO ON AHEAD WITH THE CHIEF TO THE HOTEL.
OKAY, KYUNG-NIM.


AS FOR YOU, HUNTER SUNG JIN-WOO... WOULD YOU MIND COMING WITH US?


IS THIS ABOUT MY FATHER?


IT ISN'T ABOUT ANYTHING THAT'LL HARM YOU.
YOU KNOW HOW HIGHLY THE U.S. HUNTER'S BUREAU REGARDS YOU.

AND YOU CAN'T TELL ME WHAT IT'S ABOUT?
SOME OF THE MATTERS ARE CLASSIFIED AS TOP-SECRET.

WHERE ARE WE HEADED?
THE HUNTER'S BUREAU HEADQUARTERS.
VROOM


THE HUNTER'S BUREAU?


IN ALL HONESTY, WE'RE UNDER SERIOUS PRESSURE AT THE MOMENT.
WITH THE DEATH OF HUNTER CHRISTOPHER REID, WHO WAS ONE OF THE PILLARS OF THE UNITED STATES'S COMBAT POTENTIAL.
WE'RE DESPERATE TO FILL IN THE VOID IN OUR COMBAT STRENGTH.


ALTHOUGH THINGS REMAIN CALM ON THE SURFACE, AS CHRISTOPHER'S DEATH HAS YET TO BE REVEALED...
WE WILL SOON BE INVESTING ALL OF OUR RESOURCES INTO LOOKING FOR A HUNTER WHO CAN REPLACE HIM.


AND I'M ONE OF THE CANDIDATES?


AS YOU KNOW,
THE VALUE OF A RUNE STONE IS PROPORTIONAL TO THE POWER OF THE MONSTER, FROM WHICH IT WAS EXTRACTED.
SECRET FILE
Yah!

MANKIND'S GREATEST CALAMITY, A RAID WHICH, THROUGHOUT HISTORY, EVERYONE WANTED TO FORGET ABOUT MOST...
THE DRAGON, "KAMISH".

AND THE RUNE STONE THAT WAS EXTRACTED FROM IT...
WE ARE LOOKING FOR A NEW OWNER OF THIS RUNE STONE.


WHAT DO YOU THINK—
OF OUR LATEST PROPOSITION?


...FLIP.
FLIP BACK THROUGH THE PHOTOS.
EXCUSE ME?
I WANT TO SEE THE PREVIOUS PHOTOS.


YOU MEAN OF KAMISH'S CORPSE?


HAS THE U.S. BEEN KEEPING KAMISH'S CORPSE STORED, INTACT?
Y—YES, BUT...


WHERE IS IT? LET'S GO THERE, FIRST.

PARDON ME?
I'VE GIVEN THE HUNTER'S BUREAU MY TIME WITHOUT ANY COMPLAINTS.
I'M SURE THIS ISN'T TOO MUCH FOR ME TO ASK.

THE EXTENT OF MY KNOWLEDGE EXTENDS ONLY TO WHAT I'VE BEEN PERMITTED TO KNOW, BY THE HIGHER AUTHORITIES.

I DON'T KNOW THE EXACT LOCATION OF KAMISH'S CORPSE, EITHER.

BUT... IF IT WERE A REQUEST FROM YOU, I DON'T THINK IT'LL BE TOO HARD TO GAIN PERMISSION FROM THOSE AUTHORITIES.
I'LL HAVE TO MAKE A REPORT — WOULD YOU MIND WAITING FOR JUST A MOMENT?


WELL IF WE'RE GOING TO WAIT ANYWAYS, LET'S GO WAIT TOGETHER.




SO HUNTER SUNG IS HERE RIGHT NOW?


WHAT ABOUT THE RUNE STONE? DID HE SAY ANYTHING ABOUT THE RUNE STONE, AT ALL?
NO SIR, THE RUNE STONE WAS ALMOST NEVER BROUGHT UP, THE ENTIRE DAY.


SIGH...
SO ALL HE WANTS IS REALLY JUST TO SEE THE CORPSE?

I'LL NEED TO SPEAK WITH THE DEPUTY-DIRECTOR. GIVE US A MINUTE.
YES, SIR.

WHAT DO YOU THINK HE WANTS TO SEE THE CORPSE FOR?
I'M NOT SURE... BUT WHAT'S FOR CERTAIN IS THAT HE'S NO ORDINARY TOURIST.

THE VALUE OF A SKILL IS TRULY UNIMAGINABLE.
TOP HUNTERS DO NOT HOLD BACK IN SPENDING MONEY

ON RUNE STONES THEY NEED.

SKILL DEFINE A HUNTER'S STRENGTH, AND THAT STRENGTH IS SYNONYMOUS WITH THEIR LIVES...

WHICH MEANS IT'S POSSIBLE THAT SEEING THE CORPSE IS MORE VALUABLE TO HIM THAN GAINING A SKILL.

ISN'T HIS ABILITY RELATED TO MONSTERS THAT HE'S KILLED HIMSELF?

NO WAY...!

WHAT IF HE CAN MAKE MONSTERS HE DIDN'T KILL HIMSELF...

THAT DIED A LONG AGO, INTO A SUMMON?

GOOD LORD.

HE...

HE PLANS ON TURNING THE KAMISH INTO HIS SUMMON!

WHAT...?! IF THAT'S REALLY THE CASE, THEN I CAN'T ALLOW IT!

NO INDIVIDUAL SHOULD BE ALLOWED TO BE THAT STRONG!

BUT... IF WE REFUSE HIS REQUEST, IT MAY BECOME DIFFICULT TO MAINTAIN OUR AMICABLE RELATIONSHIP WITH HIM.

SIGH...




ALRIGHT.

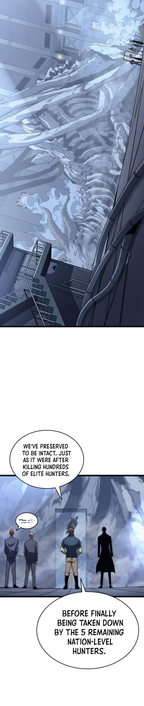

I'LL TAKE HIM THERE MYSELF.
THIS COULD BE A GOOD OPPORTUNITY TO CHECK OUT HIS ABILITY.


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I'D LIKE TO SIT DOWN AND TALK THINGS THROUGH A LITTLE MORE, BUT...
THIS IS WHAT YOU'D PREFER, RIGHT?
TO THINK THEY'D BUILD THE HUNTER'S BUREAU'S HEADQUARTERS OVER THE VERY SPOT WHERE KAMEIN WAS KILLED...

RIGHT THIS WAY.

THERE'S MAGIC ENERGY, MIXED INTO THE AIR.




WE'VE PRESERVED TO BE INTACT, JUST AS IT WERE AFTER KILLING HUNDREDS OF ELITE HUNTERS.
BEFORE FINALLY BEING TAKEN DOWN BY THE 5 REMAINING NATION-LEVEL HUNTERS.


THE ENERGY USED BY THE HUNTER'S ASSOCIATION'S HEADQUARTERS IS ALSO SUPPLIED BY THE KAMISH'S MANA CRYSTAL.


...SO, ARE YOU SATISFIED NOW?
PLEASE STAND BACK.

DIRECTOR, IS THIS REALLY OKAY?
IT'S ALRIGHT. I GAVE HIM MY PERMISSION.

LET'S ALL JUST WATCH.









[SHADOW EXTRACTION HAS FAILED.]

[YOU HAVE 2 ATTEMPTS REMAINING.]




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